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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENTS

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office action mailed August 27, 2002, thereby extending the period for response to February 27, 2003. Please charge deposit account 50-2134 the \$930.00 fee for said extension. Please charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during prosecution of the instant application to deposit account 50-2134.